Upgrading Sedimentary Basins

675. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil and Natural Gas Commission propose to upgrade the three sedimentary basins *of* Cauvery, Krishna-Godavari.and Tripma from Category-II to category-I;

(b) whether after upgrading the category the old exploration from these areas will be speeded up: and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): *(a)* Yes, Sir.

(b) The basins have been accorded high priority under exploration programme and the tempo will continue during VIII plan.

(c) During VIII Plan, the currently envisaged quantum of exploratory work in these basins is as behelow:

	Seismic Survey (2D)	Seismic (3D)	Exploratory Drilling (m)
Krishna-Godavari	15400 LK	360 Sq. Km.	442400
Cauvery	11600 LK	360 Sq. Km. (+6000LK	602640
Tripura	12260 SLK *	110 sq . km	226260
includes Manipur	Schuppen Belt, Tripura and	Cachar, Mizoram.	

Gas Pipe Line from Bombay High to Kanyakumari

676. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of *(* PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

, (a) whether the Central Government are considering the proposal of Kerala Government to lay down a gas pipeline from Bombay Hibh to Kanyakumari for carrying natural gas for industrial use in the Southern States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Karala;

'(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI **BRAHM** DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The present availability of natural gas does not permit the laying of a pipeline from Bombay High, to Kanyakumari.

Complaints against Gas Agencies

677. SHRI T.R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY

Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received against gas agencies about forcing the customers to purchase hot plates at the time of releasing new connections, year-wise/ Corporation-wise and State-wise;

(b) what is the number of cases wherein Government have taken sac tion against the concerned gas agen